of introducing the system of Provident Fund with Government contribution at 1 anna per rupee of the salary in the place of the present pension system, which is applicable to Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government have considered the question and have decided that the present system of granting pensions should continue.

AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA— COMPLIANCE WITH ALL TERMS

41. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state whether all the terms of the agreement entered into with the Central Bank of India in regard to the management of the Treasuries have been complied with?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes; All the terms of the agreement have been complied with.

VENEREAL DISEASES—CHECK AGAINST

42. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many patients are coming to the Hospitals of the State who are either suffering from syphilis or from the after-effects of the same;

(*b*) is it a fact that more than 25 per cent of the population in the three big towns of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri is affected by syphilis directly or indirectly obtained or is suffering from its after-effects;

(*c*) have Government taken any serious step to check the spread of this foul disease in the State?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) The number of syphilitic patients that attended the 15 hospitals of the State during the year 1116 is 5,980.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Patients suffering from syphilis are treated in hospitals. There is no organised campaign against the disease at present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there will not be many persons who are suffering from either syphilis or after-effects of syphilis who do not attend our Hospitals?

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